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SNC 080109

PROJECT SUMMARY

County: KERN

Applicant: Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation

Project Title: Bob Powers Gateway Preserve Strategic Plan

PROJECT GOAL

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to provide a road map for the protection, development, management and operation of the Bob Powers Gateway Preserve. The Preserve is located in the Kern River watershed, at the highly visible southeast corner of the intersection of Freeway 178 and Highway 155 and is surrounded by the town of Lake Isabella.

Since its acquisition in 2001, development of the Preserve has been relatively straight forward consisting of Biological inventories, maintenance, fencing and adding native plants, with no general public access. The Strategic Plan will provide a framework that assures the integrity of the wetlands as the Preserve transitions to its role as a resource available to the public.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Strategic Plan will integrate the vision, planning, development, management and operation of the Preserve. It will take into consideration the history of the Preserve, the present condition of the Preserve and contemplated improvements, such as the creation of a nature trail, wildlife garden and visitor/interpretive center. Future functions such as outreach and educational activities, interface with wetland and other properties in the vicinity, will be included in the plan as well. The plan will deal with these elements via feasibility analysis and by identifying the scope, timing, cost, priorities and resource availability. The project has one main deliverable:

Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan for the Bob Powers Gateway Preserve

Components of the Plan will include the following:

- ~ **Vision and Mission Statements;**
- ~ **Conceptual plans for the nature trail, wildlife garden and the visitor/interpretive center. This initial conceptual planning for these elements will ultimately affect tourism development, both in Lake Isabella, Kern River Valley, and throughout the southern Sierra Nevada;**
- ~ **A Stewardship Strategy, will identify the tasks necessary for the long-term stewardship of the Preserve. Included will be things such as the type and frequency of habitat surveys and a strategy for monitoring and evaluating those water resources, which impact the Preserve.**

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

County of Kern
 Kern River Valley Revitalization, Inc.
 Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce.

SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Completion of Vision and Mission Statements.	05/15/09
Progress Report to SNC - 1 st 6 mos, thru 8/15/09	09/15/09
Completion conceptual plans - nature trail & wildlife Garden	11/15/09
Completion of conceptual plan for visitor/interpretive Center	02/15/10
Completion of stewardship strategy	05/15/10
Progress Report to SNC - 2nd 6 mos, thru 4/15/10	05/15/10
Completion of BPGP Strategic Plan	07/15/10
FINAL REPORT TO SNC - based on 07/15/10 completion	08/15/10

SNC PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Contract with professional planning firm	\$63,000
Engineering consultant	\$ 3,500
Administration	\$ 3,000
Document reproduction	\$ 1,000
Performance measure reporting	\$ 500
SNC GRAND TOTAL	\$71,000
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SNC GRANT TOTAL	\$